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1. CHAPTER VII AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL --

FRENCH MISOFF OBSERVED THAT QUAI OPPOSED INVOKING CHAPTER VII CONCERNING EITHER NAMIBIA OR SOUTH AFRICA, BUT PREFERRED APPLYING IT IN THE CASE OF NAMIBIA SHOULD DECISION BE MADE TO APPLY IT AT ALL. THEY BELIEVE THAT "MODERATE" FRANCOPHONE AFRICANS ALSO WOULD PREFER ITS APPLICATION IN CASE OF NAMIBIA RATHER THAN APARTHEID. FRENCH INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO SUPPORT US POSITION CONCERNING CHAPTER VII SHOULD IT BE BASED ON "US STRATEGY, RATHER THAN AS A POLITICAL GESTURE," BUT FRENCH PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR ITS APPLICATION, IF NECESSARY, TO BE MADE IN MAY RATHER THAN IN MARCH. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 649)

2. PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24 --
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A SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATEHOOD WING OF THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY REPORTEDLY PLANS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WHEN IT CONSIDERS PUERTO RICO TO CONDEMN TO PRESENT "COLONIAL" STATUS OF PUERTO RICO.

NORWEGIAN DEPUTY PERMREP VRAALSEN, WHO IS COMMITTEE OF 24 VICE CHAIRMAN, TOLD MISOFF THAT CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SOME MOVEMENT IN US/CUBAN RELATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AND SAID, IF THAT WERE THE CASE, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE SOME ACCOMMODATION ON PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 AS OCCURRED LAST YEAR. HE SUGGESTED VRAALSEN MIGHT "COME UP WITH ANOTHER MAGIC FORMULA."

VRAALSEN EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE UPDATE OF THE COMMITTEE'S 1974 REPORT ON PUERTO RICO WILL BE FACTURAL AND OBJECTIVE. FORRESTER (AUSTRALIA) EXPRESSED

SIMILAR OPTIMISM ABOUT THE PREPARATION OF THE UPDATE AND ANTICIPATED ON CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO PRIOR TO JULY OR AUGUST. NEITHER FORESAW ANY DETERIORATION IN THE LANGUAGE IN THE CHAPTER ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES. FORRESTER SUGGESTED AUSTRALIA COULD PROPOSE IN THE COMMITTEE A FORMULA ON MILITARY BASES IN GUAM ON WHICH USDEL COULD ABSTAIN IN A GA RESOLUTION ON GUAM. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 646, 648)

3. SOUTHERN LEBANON --

USYG URQUHART NOTED HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION FROM LEBANESE PERMREP GHORRA THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON WAS IN ABEYANCE. URQUHART DOUBTED IT WOULD MATERIALIZE, BUT SAID THAT NONETHELESS THE SECRETARIAT HAD PREPARED A PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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LIMINARY CONTINGENCY PAPER CALLING FOR APPROXIMATELY 2,000 TROOPS PLUS CIVIL POLICE. HE CONJECTURED THAT SUCH A FORCE WOULD HAVE TO BE ASSEMBLED QUICKLY AND PRESUMABLY COULD BUILD ON UNTSO. THE QUESTION HAD NOT BEEN REFERRED TO GEN. SIILASVUO TO AVOID "STIRRING UP THINGS IN THE FIELD" BEFORE THE TIME WAS RIPE. URGUHART WONDERED WHETHER ARAB STATES AND PLO WOULD NOT OPPOSE IT, AND THOUGHT THE SOVIET REACTION MIGHT BE NEGATIVE. AMONG REASONS FOR HIS SKEPTICISM THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD EVEN MATERIALIZE, HE CITED PREVIOUS UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS (1958, 1971) TO INVOLVE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN LEBANON. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 650)

4. ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN WATER CONFERENCE --

ISRAELIS WILL BE SENDING A DELEGATION TO THE WORLD WATER CONFERENCE WHICH WILL INCLUDE THREE HIGH CALIBER TECHNICAL EXPERTS AS WELL AS FOUR OF THEIR LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS. ALSO, THEY ARE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AN ISRAELI APPOINTED TO THE BUREAU OF ONE OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES, OR POSSIBLY AS HEAD OF A WORKING GROUP, AND WILL BE GOING TO FRIENDLY WEO CAPITALS IN THIS REGARD. THEY SAID THEY HAD HEARD THAT THE ARABS INDICATED THEY WILL NOT RAISE THE JORDAN RIVER ISSUE AT THE CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THE PLO MAY DO SO. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 647)

5. INCIDENT AT PRC MISSION --

AT APPROXIMATELY 12:05 A.M. MARCH 4, JOSEPH GARVEY

KNOCKED AT THE DOOR OF THE CHINESE MISSION, PUNCHED THE ATTACHE WHO OPENED THE DOOR, AND FORCED HIS WAY INTO THE BUILDING WHERE HE WAS SUBDUED BY PRC MISSION PERSONNEL. HE WAS TURNED OVER TO THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT. IN CRIMINAL COURT WHERE HE WAS ARRAIGNED, HE COULD NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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OR WOULD NOT GIVE ANY REASONS FOR HIS ACTION (HE IS VETERAN WITH PREVIOUS MENTAL HISTORY), AND WAS REMANDED T HARLEM HOSPITAL FOR PSYCHIATRIC OBSERVATION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 644)

6. UKRAINIAN STUDENTS DEMONSTRATION --

MARCH 4, 150 MEMBERS OF UKRAINIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION DEMONSTRATED AT AEROFLOT OFFICES AND THEN MARCHED TO SOVIET UN MISSION TO PROTEST TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE SOVIET UNION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 643)

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7. NEW HONDURAN UN REPRESENTATIVE--

USUN LEARNED HONDURAN PERMPRE MARTINEZ ORDONEZ WILL BE REPLACED
BY THE HONDURAN REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--
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8. APARTHEID COMMITTEE MESSAGE TO AFRICAN-ARAB SUMMIT--

CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN (NIGERIA), OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST
APARTHEID, SENT A CABLE TO THE SECRETARY GENERALS OF THE OAU AND
THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES EXPRESSING THE COMMITTEE'S HOPE THAT
THE SUMMIT MEETING OF AFRICAN AND ARAB STATES WOULD DECIDE ON CONCRETE

MEASURES "TO ENABLE THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO FREE SO
SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE TYRANNY AND SLAVERY OF APARTHEID."

9. COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA--

SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO TOLD THE COUNCIL MARCH 4
IT WAS SWAPO'S VIEW IT WOULD BE "BOTH TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE" TO
CONVENE
A SPECIAL GA THIS YEAR ON NAMIBIA, AND HE ALSO URGED THAT THE
SECURITY COUNCIL MEET ON THE SUBJECT. THESE PROPOSALS WERE
SUPPORTED BY YUGOSLAVIA AND BOTSWANA, AND MEXICO ALSO FAVORED
A SPECIAL GA ON NAMIBIA. COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAMANA (ZAMBIA)
REPORTED ON HIS ATTENDANCE AS AN OBSERVER, ALONG WITH SWAPO

MUYONGO STATED THERE COULD NEVER BE TOO MANY UN MEETINGS ON NAMIBIA, ADDING "THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE, GIVEN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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WARNING OF THE DANGER OF WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, MUYONGO SAID BOTH SWAPO AND THE ENEMIES OF AFRICA WERE ARMING THEMSELVES WITH LETHAL WEAPONS OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. WAR PSYCHOLOGY HAD SET IN AN HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WERE DYING DAILY. HE SPOKE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S REPRESSION, MILITARIZATION OF NAMIBIA, VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM, AND ASKED UN BODIES TO WATCH THE EVOLVING SITUATION IN CASE PRETORIA AND ITS APOLOGISTS COME UP WITH LEGAL TECHNICALITIES ARGUING IN FAVOR OF "A PUPPET REGIME" IN NAMIBIA. HE CALLED FOR RELEASE OF SWAPO MEMBERS AND OTHERS WHO WERE JAILED, WELCOMED NEW UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, AHTISSAARI, AND PAID TRIBUTE TO FORMER COMMISSIONER MACBRIDE. IN CONCLUSION, MUYONGO SAID SWAPO WOULD CONTINUE ITS ARMED STRUGGLE UNTIL THE ENEMY "MEETS US AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE OR WE DEFEAT ITS RAACTIONARY FORCES." AFTER BRIEF REMARKS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF YUGOSLAVIA, MEXICO, BOTSWANA, NIGERIA, AND ROMANIA, PRESIDENT KAMANA SAID MUYONGO'S SUGGESTIONS WOULD RECEIVE "ACTIVE CONSIDERATION" BY THE COUNCIL.

INDIAN AMB JAIPAL, REPRESENTING COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AT
MARCH 7 PRESS CONFERENCE, STATED THAT THE GOAL OF
THE COUNCIL'S MISSION, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES AMBASSADORS OF BOT-
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SWANA AND MEXICO, IS TO IMPRESS ON CANADIAN AUTHORITIES THE IMPORTANCE OF CANADA IMPLEMENTING GA AND SC RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA. THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS IMPOSING SANCTIONS AND CANADIAN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN NAMIBIA, AND WILL MEET WITH CANADIAN SECRETARY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HOPEFULLY THE PRIME MINISTER, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN FOREIGN OFFICE AND INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION. THE MISSION HAS REQUESTED TO MEET WITH THE SIX CANADIAN COMPANIES OPERATING IN NAMIBIA, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE YET. JAIPAL IMPLIED THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INVESTMENTS OF PRIVATE COMPANIES. THE MISSION IS NOT TO INITIATE ANY LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST CANADA FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS-- THE COUNCIL HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST OFFENDERS--BUT RATHER TO COLLECT INFORMATION. WHEN PRESSED BY SEVERAL CORRESPONDENTS AS TO THE REAL USEFULNESS OF THE TRIP IF NO REAL PRESSURE LEGALLY CAN BE BROUGHT AGAINST CANADA, JAIPAL DESCRIBED THE VISIT AS A "DIALOGUE" WITHOUT ANY INITIATIVES. HE NOTED THE MISSION WILL BE IN CANADA OFFICIALLY MARCH 10-11, AND THAT A PRESS CONFERENCE IS PLANNED FOR MARCH 11 AT THE PRESS CLUB IN OTTAWA. OTHER VISITS HAVE BEEN MADE TO WEST AND EAST EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, AND THERE ARE PLANS FOR A SIMILAR MISSION TO WASHINGTON. JAIPAL SAID HE BELIEVES THE SC IS PLANNING A MEETING ON A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA SOMETIME THIS YEAR, AND HE HAS HEARD FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP THAT THEY INTEND TO ASK FOR AN SC MEETING ON APARTHEID LATER THIS MONTH. (REPEATED INFO OTTAWA)

11. UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE--

CONTACT GROUP MEETINGS MARCH 2-4 COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE INTEGRATION OF UN FIELD ACTIVITIES UNDER A SINGLE TEAM LEADER, UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING SYSTEM AS THE BASIC TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR OPERATIONAL PROGRAMMING, UNIFICATION
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OF SOME ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICING, AND INCREASED COORDINATION AT THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL. CHAIRMAN DADZIE (GHALA) WAS ASKED TO REDRAFT THE SECTIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN'S TEXT COVERED DURING THIS SESSION (SECTIONS V, VII AND VIII). THE COMMITTEE, IN PLENARY MARCH 4, FORMALLY APPROVED THE CONTACT GROUP DECISIONS AND AGREED ON THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE NEXT SESSION. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED TO FOREGO THE INVITATION TO MEET IN OSLO AND, TENTATIVELY, TO HOLD THE NEXT SESSION IN NEW YORK MAY 2-20, 1977. THE SOVIET BLOC MADE CLEAR IT CONSIDERS THE NEXT SESSION TO BE THE LAST.(USUN638)

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